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PATENT APPLICATION**

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name;

I believe I am an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled

**METHOD FOR USER-SPECIFIED ERROR CORRECTION IN AN INSTANT MESSAGING SYSTEM**

the specification of which: (check one)

XXX is attached hereto.

\_\_\_\_\_ was filed on \_\_\_\_\_  
under Attorney's Docket Number \_\_\_\_\_  
as Application Serial No. \_\_\_\_\_  
and was amended on \_\_\_\_\_ (if applicable).

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to the patentability of this application in accordance with 37 CFR 1.56.

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Prior Foreign Application(s):

Priority Claimed

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(Number) (Country) (Filing Date) Yes X No

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